

Pradhan for Puri beach

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Union Minister Education Dharmendra Pradhan will lead Beach Cleaning Operations in Puri Beach.



As part of the 75-day long ongoing Coastal Clean Up Campaign, Mr.Pradhan has been assigned Puri Beach.

Team Pradhan will organize beach cleaning of Sea side Holy Town in Odisha.

Puri is one of the cleanest beaches in East Coast and it has been taken care by the District Administration of Puri.

Similarly one of the famous Chandipur Beach cleaning operations will be taken up by former Union Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi.

Chandipur is a pristine beach in Balasore district, which attracts huge tourists as it is unique beach in the East Coast.

Sea water recedes two kilometer inside sea during lot tide period and fills up the whole

area during high tide time.

In fact Coastal Clean Up Campaign is receiving a huge response from across the sections of society and besides others, Governors, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, celebrities, film and sports personalities, civil society groups etc. are joining the campaign.

They are joining with overwhelming enthusiasm and pledging their support to the longest and largest beach cleaning campaign in the world titled "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar", coordinated by Union Ministry of Earth Sciences with collaboration from all the other Union Ministries, departments as well as governments of the coastal States.

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Bureaucratic reshuffle effected

Bhubaneswar: State Government on Wednesday affected a reshuffle among senior meridians.

As per a notification issued by the General Administration and Public Grievances Department, Science & Technology Department Secretary Suresh Kumar Vashishth has been appointed as Secretary, Fisheries & ARD Department while Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department Secretary Shubha Sarma is transferred as Secretary, Woman & Child Development Department.

Nikunja Bihari Dhal, a 1993 batch IAS and Principal Secretary, Energy Department is allowed to remain in additional charge of Principal Secretary, Excise Department and Chairman, GRIDCO.

Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Department, has been given additional charge of Principal Secretary, Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department.

Bhaskar Jyoti Sarma, serving as Secretary, Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department, is allowed to remain in additional charge of Science & Technology Department.

Similarly, 2001 batch IAS officer and National Health Mission Director Shalini Pandit

is appointed as Health & Family Welfare Department Secretary.

Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar, Director, ST is posted as Additional Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department. She is also allowed to remain in additional charge of CEO, ORMAS.

Dr. Brundha D has been appointed as new NHM Director. Brundha will also handle the



service of Managing Director of Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd (OSMCL) and Food Safety Commissioner, in addition to her duty. IRTS Officer Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Special Secretary, Commerce & Transport Department, is allowed to remain in additional charge of Chairman- cum Managing Director (CMD), OPTCL.

Besides, senior OAS officer Saroj Kumar Mishra is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department. He is allowed to remain in additional charge of Special secretary, Home (Protocol) Department.

BJP will throw BJD in Bay of Bengal after 2024: Jual Oram

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The three-day training programme of the BJP at Puri kicked off with a bang with party MP and former Union Minister Jual Oram exuding confidence of ousting the Naveen Patnaik government in the 2024 election. Known for his acerbic tongue, Oram who attended the training camp

told mediapersons that the BJD will be

Bengal after the next election'.

came to power in the State with the help of the BJP. After sharing power with us for 9 years, it betrayed the BJP in 2009. The time it has come to take revenge on the regional party," Oram said.

The first Tribal Affairs Minister in the Atal Behari Vajpayee government at Centre, Oram said, "Our



'thrown to Bay of Bengal after the next election'.

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BJP corporators' protest mars CMC council meeting in Odisha



CUTTACK(KCN): Noisy scenes marred the

six months have passed

sixth council meeting of the Cuttack Municipal Corporation on Tuesday with the Opposition BJP corporators staging dharna and showing black flag during the meeting in protest against civic issues. Corporator of Ward 34 Deepak Das alleged that although

President Murmu to attend Queen Elizabeth's funeral in London



NEW DELHI(KCN): President Droupadi Murmu will visit London from September 17 to 19 to attend the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and offer condolences on behalf of the Indian government, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Wednesday.

Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8. President Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have expressed condolences at her demise. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited the British High Commission here on Sep-

tember 12 to convey India's condolences. India also observed a day of national mourning on Sunday. In the 70 years of reign of Queen Elizabeth II, India-UK ties have evolved, flourished and strengthened immensely. She played an important role in the welfare of millions of people

around the world as Head of the Commonwealth, the MEA said in a statement. Queen Elizabeth II, who died aged 96 at her Balmoral Castle summer residence in Scotland on September 8, will be laid to rest at a state funeral at Westminster Abbey on September 19.

Bhutan king meets PM Modi



NEW DELHI(KCN): Bhutan king Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Wednesday and both leaders discussed bilateral ties

and the ways to further strengthen them. Wangchuck was in India en route to London to attend Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, officials said. Modi tweeted, "Had a warm meeting with

His Majesty the King of Bhutan. Discussed various ideas to further strengthen the close and unique India-Bhutan friendship. Conveyed my appreciation for the guiding vision pro-

vided by successive Druk Gyalpos in shaping our relations." India and Bhutan share historically strong ties. Wangchuck also met foreign secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

I was working

My second job was waiting in a window behind the window of the job I was on the clock for. My third job was scheduled for that evening, but not yet confirmed. My fourth freelance job wasn't active per se, but I was actively pursuing clients. After much consideration or to be more precise, after being forced to act on what I'd been denying for many years (and the feeling of finally acting was like a breath of air and the air very much like the vacuum left when a train rides next to then past you on the subway platform), I decided to quit everything but work. I quit my friends and quit living with the human I shared a life with, for I was about to quit everything we shared. My meals became quick, I stopped seeing a therapist. That perfectly abstract yet persistent weight on my body and psyche at last let up. It rained. Information became fluid. Smooth. I could now fully take on

work, which was the only way out of the perfectly abstract yet persistent weight. It wasn't the more jobs I had the more money I made. It was the more jobs I had, the more I could work. I didn't have to answer to a therapist about *why no pleasure*. I could *have no pleasure*, and work. No one needed me because I quit everyone, so my attention could always be split evenly in four places at once—my first job, my second, my third, my fourth. At any point a fifth would come along, automatically multiplying as they tended to. When I arrived home, the human I once shared a life with wasn't there to say, *I'm so happy to see you*. No one was happy to see me, and so at last I could work. No one said *it's okay*. It wasn't okay, thus my work flourished. And though they once loved me, no one tried to reach me. Meanwhile, new platforms continued to make themselves available.

Best before

your eyes were coffee beans; rich and dark swimming in pure, white milk. i once loved those eyes in the same way i love my morning coffee - something so simple, that makes me so happy, something i grew to need. i'm not quite sure why we abandoned our love like hot coffee left to go cold on the kitchen table. maybe i need to remember that some things have an expiry date. i still have my morning coffee but i have it without you. sometimes when i pour milk into the dark liquid, i think of your eyes but the words on the bottle read "best before" and maybe it's the same with you and i.

Quotation of the Day

The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need tomorrow.

Robert Tew



10 Art Works Inspired by Great Literature for Your Summer Reading List

Do you have a pile of books gathering dust that you told yourself you'd finally get around to this summer? Well, don't let it worry you. Rather than making it another daunting task,

dered by her disturbed lover Hamlet, she is captured here singing shortly before she drowns. Millais's work is admired for the realism of its landscape and is one of many portrayals of the ill-fated damsel.

causes the cursed mirror to crack. The painting (one of few Waterhouse 'plein air' paintings) illustrates her attempt to reach Camelot before the malediction kills her.

sense of ridiculousness of the errant duo's quest as well as the accompanying exhaustion. The static image is somehow full of movement; horse and donkey restless, hot sun beating down, iconic windmills revolving



get inspired to pick up a great work of literature by considering the stimulation some of the world's greatest artists have found in them. Discover below some of the literary texts behind these enthralling works of art, and pack them for your holidays:

1. Jeff Wall, After "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison, the Prologue (1999-2000) This painstakingly staged photograph by Canadian artist Jeff Wall was inspired by Ralph Ellison's 1952 novel *Invisible Man*, which explores the struggle of an unnamed African American man in the mid twentieth century. In the prologue, he describes his basement room lit by 1369 light bulbs that are powered by illegally siphoned electricity. With one of his trademark elaborate sets, Wall has given detailed form to the image Ellison conjured in his mind. You don't have to read the book (although it is highly recommended!) to understand the photograph; the protagonist muses "I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me."
2. Sir John Everett Millais, *Ophelia* (1851-1852) *Ophelia* (1851-2), Sir John Everett Millais. Oil paint on canvas. © Tate Sir John Everett Millais *Ophelia* (1851-2). Oil paint on canvas. ©Tate 2016. This 19th century painting by Millais depicts



Ophelia, a character from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Driven mad when her father is murdered

3. Salvador Dalí, *Mad Tea Party* (1969) Dalí's surrealist bent is a fitting match for illustrations to accompany Lewis Carroll's equally hyp-



nagogic *Alice in Wonderland* (1865). *Mad Tea Party* is one of a suite containing 12 heliogravures—one for each chapter of the book. The rarely seen illustrations are stunning, and draw you into the rabbit hole to a vibrant vision of Carroll's captivating (and terrifying) world.

4. John William Waterhouse, *The Lady of Shalott* (1888) This oil painting is based on Tennyson's 1832 'The Lady of Shalott'. The poem tells the tragic tale of an Arthurian maiden isolated in a tower, cursed to only ever see the world reflected through a mirror. When she one day glimpses Lancelot, she cannot resist looking at him directly, which

5. Elida Tessler, *Dublin* (2010) DUBLING is an installation created from 4311 gerunds taken from James Joyce's seminal modernist opus *Ulysses*. It features 4311 bottles stopped by corks stamped with the verbs, as well as 4311 postcards printed with images of Dublin's river Liffey. Tessler's installation gestures simultaneously to the



river that is so central to the novel, Joyce's pioneering stream-of-consciousness style, and the incredible metonymic power of objects like an empty wine bottle.

6. Pablo Picasso, *Don Quixote* (1955) This depiction of Cervantes's effervescent *Don Quixote de la Mancha* and companion Sancho Panza is stylistically very different to Picasso's earlier *Blue, Rose, and Cubist* periods but it is no less for it. The simple bold lines manage to capture the



slowly.



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Appealing to fans' inner writers, Anupam Kher offers autographed



NEW DELHI: Asking his fans to rejuvenate their inner writers, veteran actor Anupam Kher, offered them to send his autographed book 'Your Best Day is Today' on Tuesday. Kher hopped on to Twitter and shared a candid picture of him. Calling on his fans to give a suitable

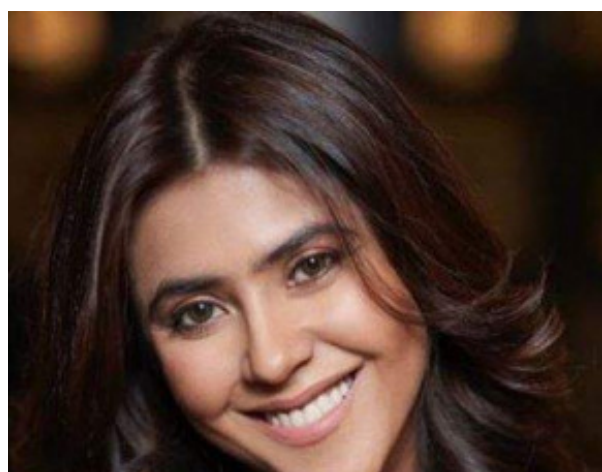
caption for the picture, he wrote "Mujhe meri ye tasveer pasand hai. (I like this picture of mine) I will send an autographed copy of my latest book #YourBestDayIsToday to the person whose caption for this pic I like the most!" Adding to the cation, he noted "Hindi or

English - apka caption kisi bhi bhasha me chalega! Chaliye! Apne andar ke lekhak ko jagaaiye!! (your caption will go in any language! Let's go! Wake up your inner writer,) with Hibiscus smiling face and heart-shaped smile emoticon. Within a few hours of being posted, fans of

the former Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India started coming up with innovative captions and showcased their creative skills. A day ago, the 65-year-old star shared a clip of his mother lauding PM Modi and scientist's efforts for the new COVID-19 vaccines.

SC grants Ekta Kapoor interim protection from arrest in FIR over web series

NEW DELHI(KCN): The Supreme



Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to TV producer Ekta Kapoor in an FIR against her for al-

leged objectionable content in her web series "XXX season 2". A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde granted interim protection to

Kapoor. She had moved the apex court after the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, in November this year, dismissed her petition seeking that a case filed against her for alleged objectionable content in web series "XXX season 2" be quashed. The High Court had dismissed a petition of Kapoor seeking quashing of a case registered against her for alleged obscenity in a web series produced by her.

The complainant had alleged an episode of the series 'XXX uncensored' was obscene and caused annoyance to him, hurt his religious feelings and dishonored the Army. The case was registered at the Annapurna police station, Indore, under Sections 294 (Obscene acts and songs), 298 and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the India Penal Code and various relevant sections of the IT Act and the State Emblem Act.

Phenomenal experience: Riteish Deshmukh praises Anil Kapoor, Anurag Kashyap's 'AK vs AK'

NEW DELHI(KCN): Actor Riteish Deshmukh lauded Vikramaditya Motwane's 'AK vs AK' and termed the

blown!!! #AKvsAK is a phenomenal experience - @VikramMotwane take a bow my friend," tweeted

only you could do this, you are pure gold in this film but @HarshKapoor_has outdone your entire performance in one

around the story of a movie star and a film director who get into a public spat, following which the director retaliates by kid-



Netflix based film "a phenomenal experience". Deshmukh took to Twitter to share a poster of the movie, which features Anurag Kashyap and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. "Mind has been

Deshmukh. He then went on to heap praise on Kashyap, Kapoor, and his actor son Harshvardhan Kapoor who has a cameo in the film. "@anuragkashyap72 how good are you, @AnilKapoor Sir,

scene," the 'Housefull' actor's tweet further read. While Kapoor essays the role of a yesterday actor, Kashyap plays the role of a disgraced film director in the film. 'AK vs AK,' revolves

napping the actor's daughter and films the search for her in real-time. The Netflix India Original film was released on the platform on December 24, which also happens to be Anil Kapoor's birthday.

Aakanksha Singh joins team Mayday

Ajay Devgn's Mayday has been creating a massive buzz because of its interest-

the icing on the cake is that Ajay Sir is directing the film. It's actually happening!



ing star cast, which includes Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh and Angira Dhar. Talented actress, Aakanksha Singh has now joined the team. Aakanksha will essaying the role of Ajay Devgn's wife in the film. She joined the shoot yesterday. Aakanksha says, "It's like a dream come true to be a part of such a big and much-awaited film. I am so excited to share the screen with Ajay Sir and Amitabh Sir; and

It's an important role and I am lucky that the first muhurat shot of the film had me in it." Ajay Devgn took to social media to announce that the shoot had begun yesterday. "Happy to officially begin Mayday in a start-to-finish shooting schedule. Seek blessings from the Almighty and my parents. Nothing is complete without the support of all my fans, family and well-wishers. Releases on 29th April 2022 (sic)" he posted.

'Wanted to make a film on Indian Army with Shah Rukh Khan', says Director Kabir Khan

MUMBAI(KCN): Filmmaker Kabir Khan, who is gearing up for the release of his web series "The Forgotten Army: Azaadi Ke Liye", based on Indian National Army (INA), says he wanted to make a film on the subject starring Shah Rukh Khan. He added that Shah Rukh didn't charged a fee for the voiceover he gave for the series.

Shah Rukh didn't charge a single paisa for his voiceover assignment. "When I was making this series, I thought I should ask Shah Rukh (to be the narrator) because Shah Rukh's father had involvement with this army. His father knew General Shahnawaz Khan, who was an important part of INA. So, I knew he (Shah Rukh Khan) has sympathy and attachment with Azad Hind Fauj and I called him up. It's not an easy task to ask a superstar for a voiceover but Shah Rukh instantly agreed to do it. Usually, when you discuss a film with Shah Rukh, it's a long process, but in this case Shah Rukh literally did the voiceover for us on the second day. I don't know whether he would like me to reveal this, but he didn't take a fee from us. I think the kind of attachment he has with Azad Hind Fauj reflects in his act." Incidentally, Shah Rukh did a cameo in Kabir Khan's 2017 release "Tubelight", starring Salman Khan.

"Shah Rukh has very graciously given the voiceover. The series is based on a true story, so there is an introduction of a few minutes before every episode along with real footage, where he has lent his voice. I talked about it with Shah Rukh earlier as well, when this was a film script. Back then, I wanted Shah Rukh to do the film. We even had a few meetings but we couldn't take it forward," said Kabir while promoting the series along with its lead actors Sunny Kaushal and Sharvari Wagh. Kabir added that

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor
Traveling is one of the best opportunities of our lives to visit, explore, understand and appreciate other societies, cultures, ethnicities and environments. The famous American author Mark Twain once said "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness." This is an absolute true philosophy of life that we will appreciate more as we start traveling both within our country and overseas. The more we see the better we learn. The biggest learning comes from deeper understanding of the fact that though we may have different customs, food habits, cultures, languages, religions and skin colour. Yet underneath that immense ethnic diversity; we all share a common humanity and that we are all connected in some form or other. Traveling teaches us the enriched human qualities of love, patience, peace, tolerance, forgiveness, empathy and respect for others as advocated by Leo Tolstoy, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Saint Teresa, Dalai Lama (XIV), Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela. Traveling is not just exploring new people and exotic spectacular locations; but better understanding of our shared human heritage, history and our struggle for excellence and achieving excellence. Our hominid ancestors started from East Africa and spread across the entire planet; and through painstaking evolution of millions of years we have achieved the status of the global dominant species. With technology transforming our world into a global village, we are now better educated and equipped to travel far and wide within affordable economic ranges. This it opens up an entirely unknown world to unfold in front of our eyes. Traveling provides us with the wisdom to appreciate the commonality among us by sidelining our individual identities, prejudices, wrong notions and misconceptions about other races and cultures. Traveling reshapes us developing into more knowledgeable, accepting, loving, respectful, kind and humanitarian individuals during our life time. It is one of the best strategies in our life to stay happier, healthier, hopeful and holistic in both our body and mind. Traveling is not just exploring another nation, culture, custom or people; but actually learning to appreciate others and identify our own limitations. In the words of Ralph Eldo Emerson, "...though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."

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Face Redness. How to get

Red in the face? You're not alone. Flushed cheeks

Shahnaz Husain



and pink patches are an extremely common skin complaint—even more so in this season, and increasingly in the era of mask-wearing. A glowing flush on the face is usually credited as the work of a dedi-

cated hand with blush, however a distinctive reddish tinge on the central area of the face—nose, cheeks, forehead, and chin is generally caused as a result of blood rushing to the capillaries under the skin due to inflammation, irritation, allergy to skincare ingredients, heat, sun exposure, alcohol, spicy food, acne, dryness or over-exfoliation etc

But there are other forms of redness. Some are more physiologic, for example, the redness that comes after exercise

or otherwise disrupt the delicate skin moisture barrier and pH balance.

Fortunately, there are several efficient natural remedies you can use at home to reduce facial redness. On your road to recovery, these remedies work well in addition to your skincare regimen. Try these natural ways to reduce facial redness.

Coconut Oil

Coconut oil is an extremely well-liked natural skincare product. It possesses anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and hydrating qualities—the perfect properties for your skin. Take about a teaspoon of coconut oil and rub it be-

tween your palms to warm it up and get it to an easier

consistency for your skin to absorb. Then apply it to your face, paying special attention to the areas of your skin. Coconut oil is safe to use in the area around your eyes. Use cold-pressed, virgin coconut oil to ensure there are fewer chemicals and additives in your product. This is the kind of coconut oil that most clinical trials use when they study its properties.

Green Tea

Green tea has anti-inflammatory properties that reduce skin irritation, skin redness and swelling.

If you want to apply green tea topically, you can use a store-bought product or make your own. To make your own, all you need is some loose-leaf green tea and water. Just steep the tea in hot water for a few minutes, then strain it and allow it to cool. You can then apply the tea to your skin with a cotton ball

Prepare a cup of green tea for yourself. Put it in the refrigerator to finish cooling for about 45 minutes. After that, rub the affected regions with a piece of cloth that has been soaked in the tea. Use this home treatment frequently for better effects.

Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is often considered one of the best cures for skin problems due to its healing properties. Skincare products made with this succulent plant can soothe the skin, stimulate its repair, and even reduce the pain

. It is a commonly found ingredient in skin and hair care products. These aloe vera products are great options to get rid of redness on the face, using them alongside your skin rejuvenation treatments. You may apply the gel liberally during flare-ups for relief from redness and burning.

Aloe vera gel takes a few minutes to dry. Let your skin absorb it completely. You can reapply the aloe vera gel twice per day

Aloe Vera topical products can be

found in the form of gel, cream, lotion, and ointment, and it's up to you to choose the consistency that suits your skin type the best. For instance, a gel is a better option for people with oily skin, while creams and ointments are better suited to those with drier skin types.

Honey

Honey helps in moisturizing the skin since it is a rich source of humectants. Adding moisture can help manage symptoms of rosacea since skin dryness is believed to make the condition worse.

Try soothing skin with a honey mask. First, rinse your skin with warm water, then apply honey liberally to red skin and leave it on for about 30 minutes before rinsing off. However, don't use honey if your red skin is due to a sunburn.

One of the best methods to get free of face redness on the nose, face, and skin is raw honey. Your face should be covered in a modest amount of honey before drying. Before rinsing it off with lukewarm water, wait for 30 minutes.

Oatmeal

In addition to being a delectable breakfast option, oatmeal has long been used as a natural treatment for facial redness. Oatmeal is a commonly found ingredient in face masks and other skincare products. Limiting water loss and bolstering the skin lessens the effects of Rosacea.

Mix cooked and then ground oatmeal with rose water, and apply on the face for immediately soothed skin.

Take one bowl of organic oatmeal. Add the water to your bowl of oatmeal and mix together until you have a thick paste. Apply the paste gently to the affected areas. Allow it to dry. Remove gently and apply moisturiser to your skin.

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Missing Footpaths

In most of the cities/towns footpaths are in a state of neglect. Apart from wearing a dangerous and unkempt look, they have been made narrow by encroachments and pavement hawkers.

Footpaths on both sides must be at least 1.5 metres wide, with even wider footpaths at bus stops. Footpaths in the cities pose an everyday challenge to pedestrians, what with garbage and debris dumped on it, apart from encroachment. As a result, the footpath is not usable and pedestrians are left to fight for space with the heavy traffic.

On the pedestrians' part, a question being asked is 'where are the footpaths'. Pedestrians are forced to share the roads with speeding vehicles. No doubt, the authorities are forced to reduce the space for footpaths as the vehicular traffic has also increased. But, There are no footpaths despite the area being

the hub of the city due to its location. A person has to walk on the sides of a road and when two or three vehicles from the opposite directions come it is quite difficult for a pedestrian to give way to the vehicles. Is this not a strange situation in Indian towns and cities ?

All over the city, builders are too converting footpaths into parking places or approach roads for their buildings. Cities have no systematised footpaths for easy flow of pedestrians. One may walk along one footpath in an area, which simply vanishes at the next turn. City's biggest affliction is that footpaths are encroached on: by shops, STD booths, bus-stops, garbage dumps, you name it, they have. Most of the city bus shelters in Indian cities are on footpaths. Most of them even use it as a permanent address for business by placing mobile tiffin centers, chat-banders, pan shops, puncture repairing shops, etc. For old people it becomes very difficult and

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unsafe if they have to walk on the road as footpaths hardly exist. It does not

matter, if only a few people per day take it but the footpath is an entitlement of all citizens. They have to be kept clean, stumble-free and devoid of any obstructions.

Residents living in the cities says that the footpath is direly needed. With no walkways, pedestrians end up walking on drain covers, which are dangerously uneven. It's just that, the footpaths are less for man and more for manholes. They become the street dwellers' accommodation, the street vendors' outlet, the public garbage dumping ground and a lot more except a pedestrian's freeway. Pedestrian footpaths in most parts of the city are under illegal occupation by shopkeepers and vendors or are used as parking area for vehicles by people visiting commercial establishments. Corporation officials says that encroachment eviction drives are held periodically but encroachers return quickly.

Why?

One of the main reasons for pedestrian casualties is encroachment of footpaths by not only commercial establishments and hawkers, but also by motorists. There are incidents that two wheelers ride on footpath during peak traffic on roads and most of the two wheelers who drive on footpath sound horn on pedestrians who walks on pavement. Pedestrians are losing space on roads and on-street parking often takes precedent over pedestrian infrastructure like paved sidewalks. Absence of adequate numbers of public toilets facilities in Indian cities is also creating public urinal problems. Pedestrians have no choice but to walk on the road, thereby disrupting traffic flow. If we look at the percentage of fatalities in accidents, pedestrians come first, followed by two-wheeler riders. On the road, the right of the pedestrian should come first.

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Overdrive Against Drunken Driving Naveen to Woo Investors

Bhubaneswar: In a State-wide drive against drunk driving conducted by the State Government, a total of 599 people were found driving under the influence of alcohol. Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport advised the Regional Transport Officers to go for overdrive against drunken driving taking help of Police Officers. With COVID-related restrictions lifted by the State Government following a drastic dip in

cases, the Department of Transport along with State Police resumed special drive to check drunken driving in the month of April. In accordance with the directives of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety 222 drunk people were detained for the offence and handed to judicial custody for necessary action during the special drive conducted from September 7 to 9, 2022. Similarly, a total of 338 driving licenses (DLs) have been

confiscated for suspension. Enforcement staff detained 350 vehicles of the offenders. A total 455 prosecution report (PR) has been submitted to courts for further action. Apart from this, 1568 other cases have been detected for violation of Motor Vehicle Act. A total of 1532 e-challans were issued for various offences. Despite a set of strict laws and regulations, drunk driving continues to be one of the major reasons behind road accidents in India. As

many as 246 road accidents took place in Odisha in 2021 due to drunken driving. A total of 79 people lost their lives in these incidents and 151 people were injured. The September 2019 amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 mentions that in the case of drunken driving, first-time offenders will face imprisonment up to six months and/or fine up to Rs 10,000. The second offence can lead to up to two years prison term and/or fine of Rs15,000.

Bhubaneswar: After holding investors' meet at Dubai and Delhi, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is on a three-day visit to Mumbai from Tuesday. He will attend an investors' meet in the financial capital city tomorrow ahead of the Make-in-Odisha Conclave, 2022. Major industrialists from various sectors have been invited to this meeting, where the Chief Minister will have brief discussions with them with an aim to bring investments into the state.



Patnaik will also meet Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of Vedanta Resources Ltd, Anil Agarwal and Mahindra Group Chairman, Anand Mahindra. The investors' meet will be held at Hotel Trident while the one-to-one meeting with industry leaders is scheduled to be held at hotel The Oberoi. He is also scheduled to visit the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) at Dalal Street and attend the ceremony to ring the auspicious opening bell. Official sources said the State Government delegation is holding the roadshow in Mumbai to invite investments in sectors like IT, metal downstream and renewable energy, chemicals, plastics and advanced

electronic manufacturing.

Notably, the third edition of the 'Make-in-Odisha Conclave', scheduled to be held from November 30 to December 4, aims to showcase the manufacturing prowess of the State and investment opportunities across the focus sectors.

Goa: 8 Cong MLAs join BJP; CM Sawant says 'Congress Chhodo Yatra' will commence now

Panaji: Eight Goa Congress MLAs including former Chief Minister Digambar Kamat and Leader of Opposition Michael Lobo joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in Goa on Wednesday.

All the eight MLAs Digambar Kamat, Michael Lobo, Delilah Lobo, Rajesh Phaladesai, Kedar Naik, Sankalp Amonkar, Aleixo Sequeira and Rudolf Fernandes joined BJP after meeting Chief Minister Pramod Sawant at the Assembly complex in the day.

"We have merged with BJP with a majority of 2/3rd to strengthen the hands of PM

Vaghela resigned from his post which is considered to be a major jolt for the party. On September 2, party leader Rajinder Prasad, who is also the son of late Master Beli Ram Sharma from Nowshera, Rajouri, resigned from all posts and the primary membership of the party. Prasad blamed the 'coterie' system for being a reason for the 'demise' of the party.

In recent months, Rajinder Prasad and several high-profile leaders have quit Congress. The exit of veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad from the Congress, months before the upcoming Gujarat and Himachal

BJP tried to buy 10 AAP MLAs in Punjab for Rs 25 crore each: Arvind Kejriwal

NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal accused the BJP on Wednesday of attempting to "buy" 10 of his party MLAs in Punjab by offering them Rs 25 crore each.

He also alleged that the saffron party is planning an "Operation Lotus" to poach MLAs from other parties in every state, either with

Eight Congress legislators in Goa, including former chief minister Digambar Kamat, joined the ruling BJP on Wednesday, in a body blow to the opposition party, which is now left with just three MLAs in the 40-member state Assembly.

Later, Kejriwal also took to Twitter and questioned the BJP's source of money to "buy"



Modi and CM Pramod Sawant... 'Congress Chhodo, BJP ko Jodo', said former Congress MLA Michael Lobo.

Meanwhile, Goa CM Sawant also took a jibe at Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra and said that "Congress Chhodo Yatra will begin from Goa now" while welcoming the leaders.

The BJP already holds a majority of 25 in the House of 40 of which its own 20 MLAs with two others from the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party and three independent leaders.

After the joining of eight Congress MLAs, its count will rise to 33.

The development came amid Congress leader Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra to combat the BJP-led Centre and awaken the country's people to the dangers of economic inequalities, social polarisation, and political centralization.

The Yatra includes Padayatras, rallies, and public meetings which will be attended by the senior Congress leaders including Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Days ago on September 4, Gujarat Youth Congress President Vishwanathsinh

Pradesh Assembly polls, as well as the general elections in two years' time, dealt a huge blow to party.

Jaiveer Shergill, who is a lawyer by profession and was one of the prominent ones among young Congress leaders, on August 24, tendered his resignation claiming that the vision of the decision-makers no longer was in sync with the aspirations of the youth.

Earlier this year in May, senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal, a prominent face of the G-23 group of dissenting leaders, resigned from the party and filed nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha elections as an independent candidate backed by the Samajwadi Party (SP).

Former Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar too parted ways with the Congress in May this year.

Former Union Law Minister Ashwani Kumar in February also resigned from Congress after a long association of 46 years with the party.

Back in May, Gujarat Patidar leader Hardik Patel had quit the party after he felt that he was being "ignored".



the help of money or the fear of agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

"We came to know on Tuesday that they (BJP) tried to buy MLAs in Punjab by offering them Rs 25 crore each. Ten of our MLAs were approached. They will address a press conference on Wednesday and expose the BJP," Kejriwal said.

"They are buying MLAs and making governments fall, which is dangerous for democracy," the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader told a press conference here.

He alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is using public money to "buy" legislators due to which inflation is rising in the country.

Kejriwal also hit out at the Congress after eight of its MLAs in Goa switched over to the saffron camp, saying the grand old party has failed to prevent its lawmakers from being poached.

"The party that is buying MLAs is dangerous for democracy but the Congress is also at fault. Why only Congress MLAs get poached? Why can't they buy our MLAs despite their attempts?" he asked.

"They (BJP) tried to buy our MLAs in Delhi and now in Punjab, but we exposed them," he added.

MLAs.

"After Delhi, these people (BJP) have now reached Punjab to buy our MLAs. Where are these thousands of crores of rupees coming from? They should understand -- we are not the Congress, no one can buy us. The way they are making elected governments fall one by one, this has become a very serious issue for the country and democracy," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

The AAP's Punjab leadership said it will submit a complaint to the director general of police along with evidence in support of its allegation that the BJP is offering Rs 20-25 crore each to its MLAs in an attempt to topple the Bhagwant Mann government.

Replying to a query on a photo being circulated on social media where he is seen travelling purportedly in a chartered plane, Kejriwal said it was a tactic of the saffron party to divert the attention of people from real issues ahead of the Gujarat polls.

"We are getting a good response in Gujarat. They (BJP) never debate on real issues. When you ask them about the condition of schools in Gujarat, they circulate some picture. These are tactics (to divert public attention from issues). Many such things will come up before the polls," he said.

Asked about discrepancies in the delimitation of municipal wards in Delhi, Kejriwal said the AAP will report the issues to the delimitation commission.

State Tightens Builder norms CB Busts SIM Racket

Bhubaneswar: In a good news for the home buyers, the State Government has tightened the norms for builders and promoters, who

mon areas to the association of allottees after duly obtaining the occupancy certificate from the Competent Authority. The allottee can use the common areas along with other occupants, maintenance staff etc., without causing any inconvenience or hindrance to them.

As per the amendments, the promoter will have to abide by the time schedule for completing the project as disclosed at the time of registration with the authority. Any imposition or increase of development charges

after the expiry of the deadline of a project will not be charged from the allottees.

Besides, the allottees will also have the right to visit the site to assess the extent of development of the project and his/her apartment or plot. The builders will have to provide electrical connectivity to the apartment, lift, waterline and plumbing, finishing with paint, marbles, tiles, doors, windows, fire detection and firefighting equipment in the common areas, maintenance charges etc. and includes cost for providing all other facilities, amenities and specifications to be provided within the [apartment/plot] and the project.

Moreover, the promoter undertakes that it has no right to make additions or to put up additional structure(s) anywhere in the project after the building plan, layout plan, sanction plan and specifications, amenities and facilities has been approved by the Competent Authority and disclosed, except for as provided in the Act.



are selling plots and flats in the regulatory authority areas.

As per power conferred under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the State Government has amended the Odisha Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017.

As per the new norms, the promoter has to assure the allottees that the project in its entirety is in accordance with the provisions of the laws/rules/regulations for the time being in force.

The builder cannot charge any additional tax or charges above the fixed price. The total price should include taxes paid or payable by the promoter by way of GST, Cess and such other taxes which may be levied, in connection with the construction of the project payable by the promoter up to the date of handing over the possession of the (apartment/plot) to the allottee.

The promoter will have to hand over the com-

Cuttack(KCN): In a major achievement, the Crime Branch of Odisha Police have busted a major pre-activated SIM card racket and arrested six members of an inter-state gang including the Mastermind from Khunta area in Mayurbhanj district.

Speaking to reporters, Crime Branch IG AN Sinha identified the accused as Vishal Khandwal, who was the mastermind, Tapan Kumar Patra, Ajay Kumar Patra, Nigam Patra, Sudhansu Das and Aju Patra.

Mr. Sinha informed that police seized two pre-active SIM card boxes containing over 2,500 SIM cards of Airtel, JIO, Vodafone and BSNL telecom companies along with seven laptops and other articles.

The SIM cards seized included 1049 of Jio 1231 of Airtel, 158 of Vodafone, and 244 SIM cards of BSNL companies, he said.

The IG further said the criminals were operating their network in Khunta forest area and cheating people by sending fake KYC suspension and SIM card block messages to the people to defraud people. He said police would bring them on remand for interrogation.

Though it was not yet clear from where the accused were bringing the SIM cards, the accused however said they sourced it from Chennai, he stated.

Investigation is on to find out if more people are involved in the racket.

Police swung into action after receiving a complaint from Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, on September 12 last, registered a

case U/s 419/420/467/ 468/471/120-B/34 IPC r/w Sec 66-C/66-D of IT Act 2000 and arrested the accused on Tuesday.

The complaint alleged that a large number of SIMs are being used in SIM boxes (Machine based numbers) to defraud people in various parts of the country.

\Huge number of MTNL KYC fraud SMSs are being generated from these SIM boxes and mobile numbers are operating in Bihar and Odisha, the police officials said.

After primary investigation, a police team constituted to unearth the racket proceeded to Khunta in Mayurbhanj district to locate the hideout of cyber criminals and conducted raids at Bhandra Gaon, Khunta, Betanati and Baripada in Mayurbhanj district.

The team initially apprehended one Tapas Kumar Patra and subsequently others after interrogating him. Vishal Khandwal @ Jonti who is the mastermind behind this crime had procured a SIM box and engaged Tapas Kumar Patra for sending of messages by using pre-activated SIMs being supplied by Sudhansu Das, Nigam Patra.

They were circulating 100s of fake messages every day. After a few months Tapas Patra engaged other accused persons namely Aju Patra and Ajay Kumar Patra in the crime, they said.

\Notably, the police had busted a similar racket in Berhampur in July 2017. Police had then arrested four persons for operating an illegal telephone exchange with the help of the SIM boxes at the behest of underworld don Chhota Rajan. Using the telephone exchange, Rajan's gang members had demanded Rs 2 crore extortion from a builder in Mumbai.



Pandit gets Health

Bhubaneswar: Finally Ace Mandarin, Shalini Pandit has been appointed as Commissioner-cum- Secretary Health & Family Welfare Department. One of the longest serving Mandarin in the Department of Health & family Welfare, Shrimati Pandit on 14 September is given the post, which she deserved long ago.

2001 Batch IAS, one of the most upright, honest, hardworking Mandarin, Shrimati Pandit is serving in Health & Family Welfare Sector since 2015 as Managing Director National Health Mission and Special Secretary Health & FW. During entire COVID-19, Shrimati Pandit



worked 24X7 with all sincerity and helped the State in the crisis. Shrimati Pandit has helped out the people in crisis without any agenda and served the State like "Rock Of Gibraltar" during COVID-19 Pandemic. So her appointment as Secretary Health & Family Welfare was long overdue and finally the State Government has appointed the most deserving Mandarin in the Social Sector, which is one of the priority of the Odisha Government.

While she has been serving as MD NHM for last seven long years, now D Brundha has been appointed MD NHM in her place along with present assignment of MD OSMCL.

Rampia I II auctioned

Bhubaneswar: The Government of India successfully auctioned eight coal mines including the Rampia and Dip Side of Rampia coal blocks of Odisha.

According to official sources, Jhar Mineral Resources Private Limited has emerged as the highest bidder and grabbed the coal mine located in Sundergarh district.

The two coal blocks have a reserve of 1179.41 MT of coal and the exploration capacity is 15 million tonne per annum (mtpa). Out of eight auctioned coal mines, five coal mines are fully explored and three mines are partially explored mines. The total geologi-

cal reserves for these eight coal mines are 2157.48 Million Tonnes (MT) and Cumulative Peak Rate Capacity (PRC) for these coal mines is 19.31 million ton per annum.

Rampia and Dip Side of Rampia were among the five coal blocks that had been allocated to Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) during the UPA government much to the chagrin of the State Government.

The five coal blocks were de-allocated and put for auction as WCL could not operate a single coal block even after allocation of for more than a decade due to delay in land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected families.

The auction process of the coal mines for sale of coal was launched by the Ministry of Coal on March 30, 2022. The last date of submission of Technical Bid was June 27, 2022.





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India's inflation based on WPI dips to 11-month low of 12.41 pc in August

NEW DELHI: Staying above the double-digit mark, India's inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) slightly dipped to a 11-month low of 12.41 per cent in August, as against 13.93 per cent in the previous month, but food inflation saw an uptick during the month. It's yet another month of increase in wholesale prices in August 2022, remaining above the 10 per cent mark for 17 months in a row, the commerce ministry data showed on Wednesday.



As per the data, the price of food items for both primary and processed categories inched up in the month of August after showing signs of easing in the previous month. "The WPI Food Index, which has a nearly 25 per cent weight in the overall index, saw inflation rise to 9.93 per cent in August from 9.41 per cent in July," the data showed.

However, the ministry in its release said that the WPI for August, 2022 have been compiled at a weighted response rate of 80.8 per cent, while the final figure for June, 2022 is based on the weighted response rate of 92.6

per cent. "The provisional figures of WPI will undergo revision as per the final revision

policy of WPI," it added. The data further said that primary articles inflation cooled further to 14.93 per cent in August from 15.04 per cent in July and 18.63 per cent in June. "However, vegetable inflation shot up to 22.29 per cent in August from 18.25 per cent in July, while fruit spiked to 31.75 per cent during the month compared to 29.44 per cent in July. Fuel and power inflation continued with a downward trajectory, touching 33.67 per cent in August from 43.75 per cent in the previous month," it added. With global prices for commodities and fuel starting to come down gradually, economists expect domestic prices are likely to cool further in the coming months following the action by the central bank and the government. "Keeping this in view, even the RBI-led monetary policy committee is expected to further hike policy rates in the upcoming policy review on 30 September," they said.

The Most Indispensible Celebration

Kolkata (KCN): The praiseworthy concept of "Celebration" brings out an astounding synthesis of culture at all times where our robust participations do ensure the collective engagement of learning in a very conforming manner. "Indian Statistical Institute Club" has celebrated "Teachers' Day" quite

lives without any second thought. We firmly realize that the most worthwhile luminosity of 5th September has really empowered all of us to reinforce our perdurable devotion for the best celerity of learning very confidently. They truly feel about the utmost moral supports of Shri Anjan Paul and his inextinguishable bonding with us forever.



remarkably on 5th of September, 2022 in connection with our admirable "Indian Philosopher" Respected Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and histrionic "Birth Anniversary". Respectful workers, administrators, research scholars and all the esteemed club members have been doing the same for last few years along with their immortal human spirits. That is why their collective involvements have entrenched an exclusive moral values to their most adorable mentor Shri Anjan Paul who is not only a magnanimous personality but he is a celebrated exponent of "Body building" at all times. Shri Paul has been felicitated by "ISI Club" based upon their high-end cultural magnificence indeed. Our admirable stimulator Sri Paul has blessed to each one of us from the core of his imperishable heart and worthy occupational standing respectively. He has further advised to focus upon our needful exercises which would be one of the best weapons for our collective enrichments in our

T - T u n e f u l Transformation, E-Engaging Elevation, A-Ageless Aspiration, C-Creative Classification, H-Heartfelt Cognition, E-Emphatic Solution, R-Radiant Reformation Therefore, Sir, You are the sensation to implement your acceleration along with the great fascination towards our desired destination from the core of your utmost magnification for enriching our great nation. That is why wish this day for you to be entirely distinctive in this entire globe to cherish this bonding with such a pronounced pathfinder like you under this



impressive nicety of earth. The entire ISI club do recall you as our most profound mentor to be extensively successful forever.

DHE issues guidelines for spot admission to vacant UG seats



BHUBANESWAR: The Higher Education department on Tuesday released fresh guidelines for spot admission to UG courses for the academic session 2022-23. Students who had registered in the students academic management system (SAMS) and submitted their common application forms (CAFs) during the first phase are eligible for the vacant seats. Students have to login to the e-admission website with their existing username to provide new options (institution stream and honours subject). Each student has to mandatorily provide 5 new choices of which, he/she will be

allotted only choice during spot admission. There are 1,023 colleges where e-admission is currently underway for the new session. After the first and second rounds of admission, there are 53,812 seats vacant in Arts stream, 24,496 in Physical Science, 13,990 in Biological Science and 15,393 in Commerce streams. The department maintained that spot selection will be done purely on merit basis with reservation and weightage for students with disabilities will be given preference. Merit list for spot admission will be published on September 28.

Biodiversity heritage site status proposed for Mahendragiri hill of Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha Biodiversity Board (OBB) has submitted a proposal to the State government seeking 'biodiversity heritage site' status for Mahendragiri for protection and long-term conservation of the hill eco-system. The area proposed under Mahendragiri biodiversity heritage site is around 4,250 hectare and falls in Mahendra Reserve Forest of Paralakhemundi Forest Division in Gajapati district.

Mandasaru Gorge area, spread over 544 hectare in Kandhamal district, is state's only such heritage site, notified in 2016. The Board, prior to approaching the State Government, had received proposals from Biodiversity Management Committee of Gandahati GP, DFO, Paralakhemundi and non-government organisation LIPICA, Berhampur to declare Mahendragiri hill as biodiversity heritage.

It then made a detailed inventory on the biodiversity of the hill ecosystem and identified the threatened and endemic species. It found a total 1,348 species of plants including two species of gymnosperms and 1,042 species of angiosperms, 60 species of bryophytes, 53 species of lichens and 72 species of macro fungi occurring in the hill ecosystem. The faunal diversity included 388 species of animals including 27 species of mammals, 165 species of birds, 23 species of snakes, 15 species of amphibians, 3 species of turtles, 19 species of lizards, 100 species of butterflies and 36 species of moths. The Board documented the traditional practices of the local people associated with the bio-resources along with the archeological and cultural significance of the hill.

OBB botanist Prasad Kumar Dash said the hilly ecosystem is the only high altitude dry evergreen shola forest in the State which supports floral and faunal elements of both Western Ghats and Himalayan biogeographic zones. Also, it represents 40 per cent of reported higher plant species in Odisha. It is also home to ancient temples of Kunti, Bhima, Arjuna and Yudhishthir which come under the coverage of Antiquate Monument Archaeological Remains and Sites Act 1958 and draw nearly 1 lakh devotees every year.

The rich biological resources of the hill and the associated traditional knowledge practised by the tribal communities residing in and around this ecosystem are under immense pressure due to various anthropogenic and climatic factors and seek long-term protection, conservation and management measures.

BJP will throw BJD in Bay of Bengal after 2024: Jual Oram

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party is in power at the Centre for the second consecutive term. I am confident that the party will return to power for the third time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." He said this is the right time to take revenge on the BJD and the BJP is preparing itself to do that job.

The general elections barely less than two years away, the major focus of this training programme is to make the party battle ready. There will be detailed discussions on all important issues concerning election during this three days consisting of 15 sessions, said State BJP OBC Morcha president Surath Biswal.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan was scheduled to inaugurate the training camp but he could not come due to pressing engagements at New Delhi. State BJP president Samir Mohanty inaugurated the camp. Of the five sessions on the first day of the camp, national BJP training cell member Hemant Goswami, Balasore MP and former minister Pratap Sarangi, party's Odisha in-charge D Purandeswari and senior RSS leader Jagdish Khadanga took class of one session each.

BJP corporators' protest mars CMC council meeting in Odisha

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since formation of the council, development works in wards are yet to start. "We have been highlighting many civic issues in our wards in the council meetings but no step is being taken by the CMC to resolve them," he said while sitting on the ground of the CMC office and showing a black flag.

Similarly, corporator of Ward 26 Gagan Ojha raised the issue of waterlogging in his area due to defunct pump sets, clogged drains and bad roads. After Das and Ojha raised the issues, the other BJP corporators sat on the ground staging dharna.

Chaos prevailed when many of the corporators questioned why they were not invited to the Durga Puja preparatory meet convened by the district administration on Monday. The meeting was disrupted for an hour. The agitators were pacified by Mayor Subhas Singh who assured them that the civic problems will be resolved before the Durga Puja.

Koreans concerned about Son's drought ahead of World Cup

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA: Son Heung-min's goal drought has extended to eight games for Tottenham and it's heightening worries back in Seoul over the form of the South Korean star just months out from the World Cup. Son won the Premier League's 2021-22

the field for Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Premier League, and Hwang Ui-jo is also yet to score this season either for Bordeaux or for his new club Olympiakos.

Asia's other representatives at the World Cup — Japan, Iran, Australia, Saudi Arabia and host



Golden Boot, the prize given to the leading scorer in England's top-flight competition, but he's yet to score this season.

In addition to that, South Korean media is paying increasing attention to Son's form ahead of the country's 10th successive appearance at soccer's marquee tournament. National team coach Paulo Bento dismissed concerns when he included Son in his roster for next week's warmup games against Costa Rica and Cameroon.

"There is no concern and I feel the same as when he's scoring a lot," Bento said, adding that he doesn't plan to discuss the issue with his captain. "We will focus on what we must do in these two games and I have all the confidence in him as usual."

Son is not the only Korean forward experiencing form or selection difficulties. Hwang Hee-chan has been struggling for minutes on

Qatar — are also busy in the international break. Japan and Saudi Arabia will each face the United States and Ecuador next week.

The Japanese team, grouped at the World Cup with Germany, Costa Rica and Spain, was rocked by the news on Monday that Ko Itakura injured his knee while training with the top tier German club Borussia Mönchengladbach. However, the central defender is unlikely to return before November. More encouraging for coach Hajime Moriyasu is winger Kaoru Mitoma's start to his first Premier League season for Brighton. "I could take the first step and show a glimpse of what sort of player I am to the supporters," Mitoma said. "I could also show a bit to the head coach that I can do the job. It'll be about how much I can produce and I feel I need to do that when I'm given longer playing time," he added.

Jay Shah, Ganguly to stay in office as SC accepts BCCI's plea to tweak clause related to cooling off

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday cleared the way for the continuation of the term of office of its President Saurav Ganguly and Secretary Jay Shah as it allowed BCCI to tweak the

proposed amendment would not dilute the object of cooling off period with the result that cooling off will come to effect once a candidate has completed 2 consecutive terms in BCCI & state association," the

continue despite completing six years. Yesterday, while laying emphasis on the fact that the idea behind inclusion of "cooling off" was to ensure that vested interests are not allowed to grow, the SC had sug-

year term you had to cool off. That was too stringent, because you need time to make networks, and understand this is our suggestion. This will serve the interest of justice," Justice Chandrachud said while hearing BCCI's plea seeking amendment of its Constitution with regards to the tenure of Jay Shah and Saurav Ganguly.

SC bench comprising the then CJJ Dipak Mishra, Justice AM Khanwilkar and Justice DY Chandrachud in 2018 after accepting the recommendations made by Justice RM Lodha led Committee had approved the draft Constitution of BCCI. The Court had also directed that a person would hold the position for an office bearer in any state Association regardless of the post, for a period in excess of nine years in the aggregate. Bench had asked the parties to not make any amendment without the court's leave. BCCI by incorporating the principles laid down by Justice RM Lodha-led Committee had drawn up its Constitution wherein they had included the provision pertaining to cooling off.



clause in its Constitution. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli accepted BCCI's plea to waive the cooling-off period for office bearers who have completed 1 term (3 years) in state association & 1 term (3 years) in BCCI. SC also said that the cooling-off period would come only after 2 consecutive terms in office which means that an office bearer be in office for a term of 6 years in State Association & then for 6 years in BCCI in one go. The cooling-off period would apply for 3 years thereafter.

"We are of view that court said in its order. As per BCCI's existing Constitution, the term for all office bearers in BCCI and state associations would be three years and there would be a cooling-off period for three years after an individual holding the post of an office bearer for two consecutive terms either in state association or in the BCCI or a combination of both. In the proposed amendment, BCCI sought the abolition of the cooling-off period for its office bearers like the Secretary Jay Shah and President Sourav Ganguly to enable them

gested for waiving the cooling off period with regards to the office bearers who serve consecutive terms (3 years each) in state association and thereafter in BCCI. "A 12 years period without cooling off is too long. What we can say is cooling off period kicks in after 2 terms and what we're suggesting is if you've held one term in state association and one term in BCCI, then cooling off doesn't kick in. But if you hold 2 terms in state association or in BCCI then the cooling-off period kicks in. Earlier problem was even if you did 1 three

Chennai Open: Tennis a family business for Maria as she eases past Ankita

CHENNAI: At this year's Wimbledon, Tatjana Maria quietly enjoyed a streak that took her to the semifinals. During that run, she shattered a few records. When she reached the third round at SW19, she became the first mother of two to achieve that feat 'this century' according to the WTA.

Her last-four appearance also meant she became only the sixth woman in the Open Era after turning 34. In the process, she also became the oldest first-time semifinalist at a Major in the Open Era.

What is remarkable about all those numbers is that

tournament really — her husband and coach and her two daughters will be next to her on courtside. On Tuesday, Charlotte, her first daughter, Cecelia, who was in a pram, and husband, Charles-Edouard Maria, were sitting next to the court. It's pretty obvious that those three play a big role in her life.

In fact, Charlotte, who doubled up as sparring partner earlier this week, is being online schooled so that they can keep travelling the world.

"For the moment, I feel pretty good (about the situation)," she said in the post-match press conference. "(We) like to travel around the world. She is



she had given birth to Cecilia, her second child, only last April. At some level, her game has gone up a notch after Cecelia's birth. Out of the two titles she has won till date, one (Bogota) came in April. Ranked 237 then, she won two qualifying round matches before winning five further matches to enjoy a jump of almost 180 places in the world rankings.

In Chennai, the No 4 seed, who eased past India No 1 Ankita Raina 6-0, 6-1, hopes to 'stay for a long time (go deep in the tournament) while also taking it 'match by match'.

However long she goes in this tournament — any

doing online school here also. It works out pretty well. As long as we are happy as a family travelling around the world, we will keep going."

One can also say that pregnancy had a big role in her game itself as she went from a two-handed backhand to a one-hander. "Changed when I was pregnant with Charlotte," she said.

"Not an easy change. My coach, he told me, he would like for me to change it. And I trust him 100 per cent. Happy that I did. Really important stuff." Against Raina, her game was heavily reliant on slices — it's what she does naturally — and it troubled the Indian. Expect to see more of her unique brand of tennis in the days to come.



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